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SUBJ: SPF MEETING

1. DURING FAREWELL CALL 3 APRIL ON PRIME MINISTER, I ASKED HOW SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM (SPF) MEETING OF MARCH 20-22 HAD GONE. HE REPLIED HE HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTED BY LACK OF DISCUSSION OF PROBLEMS. THERE SEEMED TO BE LITTLE DISAGREEMENT ALTHOUGH HE KNEW THERE WERE SUBJECTS, SUCH AS INTER-ISLAND SHIPPING, WHICH NEEDED AIRING. HE IMPLIED THAT IF ISLAND LEADERS DID NOT DISCUSS AND FACE UP TO THEIR REGIONAL PROBLEMS MORE FRANKLY WITH GNZ AND GOA, GNZ MIGHT CONSIDER CUTTING DOWN ITS SUBSTANTIAL AID. THE ONLY ISLAND LEADER HE PRAISED WAS SIR ALBERT HENRY, PREMIER OF COOK ISLANDS. DESPITE THREE RECENT MILD CORONARIES, SIR ALBERT WAS STILL ACTIVE LEADER RESPECTED BY HIS PEOPLE AND WAS PRESENTLY SEEKING TO BUY VESSEL WITH GNZ AID FUNDS FOR AUCKLAND-RAROTONGA RUN. SIR ALBERT'S LEADERSHIP NOW MORE RESPECTED IN NZ. I ASKED IF ISLAND

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LEADERS MIGHT NOT FEEL THEY COULD TALK MORE FRANKLY

WITHOUT PRESENCE NZ AND AUSSIE LEADERS. KIRK SAID
SCORNFULLY, THEY COULD MEET ANY TIME THEY WANTED.
HE WAS NOT VERY CONCERNED WITH IMPACT ENERGY CRISIS
ON ISLANDERS COMPARED TO APPALLING IMPACT IT HAVING
IN INDIA.

2. COMMENT. KIRK SEEMD DISENCHANTED WITH GNZ AID
TO ISLANDS. HE WAS TIRED AND DID NOT HAVE MUCH BOUNCE
TO HIS 4000 OUNCES.
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